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Appendix 3 - Clean Copy of Amended Specification

The paragraph in the specification at page 1, line 2, now reads as follows:

Related Applications

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The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/572,330 filed May 18, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,277,405, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/005,128 filed January 9, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,074,670, which claims priority to French Application No. 97 00479 filed January 17, 1997.

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Appendix 4 - Amendments Made to Specification

The following paragraph, which was inserted into the specification at page 1, line 2 in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 6, 2001, has been further amended as follows:

Related Applications

The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/572,330 filed May 18, 2000, [allowed,] <u>issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,277,405</u>, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/005,128 filed January 9, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,074,670, which claims priority to French Application No. 97 00479 filed January 17, 1997.